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In re Application of:

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PREPARING METHOD, SIMILAR VECTOR

SEARCHING METHOD, AND APPARATUSES FOR

THE METHODS

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

## IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read --VECTOR INDEX PREPARING METHOD, SIMILAR VECTOR SEARCHING METHOD, AND APPARATUSES FOR THE METHODS--.

## REMARKS

The title has been amended to provide a more accurate translation of the Japanese title, as opposed to the title prepared by WIPO in the International stage. This change is note believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendment be entered, that the application

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as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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